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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE.

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In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2877

Application No.: 09/481,503

Examiner: R.A. Rosenberger

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Docket No.: 105173

For: SURFACE INSPECTION METHOD, SURFACE INSPECTION APPARATUS, AND  
RECORDING MEDIUM AND DATA SIGNAL FOR PROVIDING SURFACE INSPECTION  
PROGRAM

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OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND  
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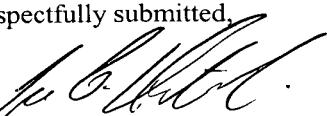
Sir:

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